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1. On August 12 Alitalia Washington representative inquired informally whether Dept would favor informal visit Santini to Washington in October or November to discuss forthcoming negotiations and explore on very preliminary basis tentative objectives of both countries in renegotiation. Dept believes such visit might be very useful in both getting insight into GOI thinking and in indicating to some extent USG guidelines for negotiations. Dept therefore plans suggest to Sperry that USG would be willing have informal session with Santini in October or November, if Santini wishes to come.

2. With respect Morabito suggestion reported reftel, Dept believes preferable meet in January and USG would agree meet in Rome. However, Dept plans delay response to Morabito until possible informal Santini visit explored.

3. Would appreciate Embassy comments on abcve.

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